

REMARKS

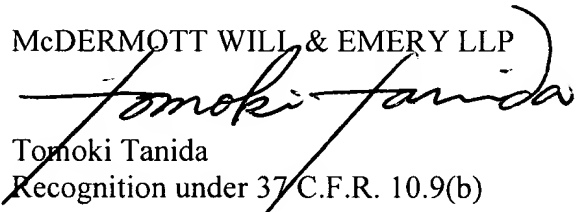
At the time of the Office Action dated May 18, 2005, claims 22-25, 27 and 28 were pending. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 22, 23 and 25. Claims 24 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), and claim 28 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

In this Amendment, claims 24, 27 and 28 have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicants submit that by the present Amendment and Remarks, this application is placed in clear condition for immediate allowance because all the issues in this application have been obviated by this Amendment. Therefore, entry of the present Amendment and Remarks, and favorable consideration, are respectfully solicited pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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